GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – M.A. & U.D. Department – Misappropriation of Government funds under the guise of Rajiv Nagara Bata Programme in erstwhile Gajuwaka Municipality, Visakhapatnam District - Disciplinary Proceedings initiated against Sri V.V.S.E.Gupta, the then Assistant Engineer and (15) others of erstwhile Gajuwaka Municipality, Visakhapatnam District under Rule 20 of A.P.Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 – Inquiry ordered – Further Action dropped against Sri V.V.S.E.Gupta, the then Assistant Engineer and (4) others – Orders - Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 639 **Dated: 01-10-2019**

Read the following:-

1. From the Director General, General Administration (V&E) Department, Vigilance Report No.169 (3212/V&E-D1/05), dated 28.11.2005.
2. Charge Memo. No.5146/2006/C2, dated 31.08.2006 of the Commissioner, GVMC, Visakhapatnam issued to Sri V.V.S.E.Gupta, the then Assistant Engineer
3. Charge Memo. No.5146/2006/C2, dated 31.08.2006 of the Commissioner, GVMC, Visakhapatnam issued to Sri L.Santha Rao, the then Assistant Engineer
4. Charge Memo. No.5146/2006/C2, dated 31.08.2006 of the Commissioner, GVMC, Visakhapatnam issued to Sri S.Venkata Rao, the then Assistant Engineer
5. Charge Memo. No.5146/2006/C2, dated 31.08.2006 of the Commissioner, GVMC, Visakhapatnam issued to Sri K. Veeraiah, the then Assistant Engineer
6. Charge Memo. No.5146/2006/C2, dated 31.08.2006 of the Commissioner, GVMC, Visakhapatnam issued to Sri M. Prasada Rao, the then Assistant Engineer
7. From the Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Hyderabad, letter Roc.No.20780/2005-E1, dt:31.01.2008 along with the letter Rc.No.5146/06/C2, dated 28.12.2007 of the Commissioner, GVMC., Visakhapatnam and written statements of defense of the charged officers.
8. G.O.Rt.No.1578, M.A. & U.D. (E1) Department, dated 20.11.2008.
9. Govt. Memo. No.898/E1/2006, dated 20.11.2008 of M.A. & U.D. (E1) Department.
10. From Sri Janak Raj, IPS (Retd.), Commissioner of Inquiries & Inquiring Authority, Inquiry Report received through D.O.Letter No.2113/ COI.JR/ 2008, dated 07.09.2010.
11. Govt. Memo. No.898/E1/2006-1, dated 13.12.2010 of M.A. & U.D. (E1) Department.
12. Written representations of the charged officers.

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Whereas, it has been brought to the notice of the Government by the Director General, General Administration (V&E) Department in the reference 1st read above that, an amount of Rs. 6.00 lakhs issued as advances in

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connection with Rajiv Nagara Bata Programme held on 24.01.2005 in erstwhile Gajuwaka Municipality has remained unadjusted, the Vigilance & Enforcement instituted an inquiry and the irregularities surfaced thereon. The Director General, General Administration (V&E) Department has recommended to initiate appropriate disciplinary action against the officials concerned.

2. And whereas, in the references 2nd to 6th read above, the Commissioner, Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation, Visakhapatnam have initiated departmental action against Sri V.V.S.E.Gupta, the then Assistant Engineer; Sri L.Santha Rao, the then Assistant Engineer; Sri S. Venkata Rao, the then Assistant Engineer; Sri K. Veeraiah, the then Assistant Engineer; Sri M. Prasada Rao, the then Assistant Engineer of erstwhile Gajuwaka Municipality by issuing Articles of Charges against them.

3. In the reference 7th read above, the Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Hyderabad, while forwarding the letter of the Commissioner GVMC., Visakhapatnam together with the written statements of defense submitted by the above Charged Officers and requested the Government to take further action in the matter.

4. As the written statements of defence submitted by the charged officers were not convincing, in the G.O.8th read above, orders were issued, appointing Sri Janak Raj, IPS (Retd.), Commissioner of Inquiries as an Inquiring Authority to inquire into the charges framed against Sri V.V.S.E.Gupta, the then Assistant Engineer and others of erstwhile Gajuwaka Municipality. In the reference 9th read above, orders were issued, appointing Sri K.Ramesh, Assistant Commissioner, GVMC., Visakhapatnam as the Presenting Officer, to present the case before the Inquiring Authority on behalf of the Disciplinary Authority.

5. In the reference 10th read above, Sri Janak Raj, IPS (Retd.), Commissioner of Inquiries & Inquiring Authority has submitted his Inquiry Report wherein he has stated among other things and held that the charges framed against Sri V.V.S.E.Gupta, the then Assistant Engineer; Sri L.Santha Rao, the then Assistant Engineer; Sri S.Venkata Rao, the then Assistant Engineer; Sri K. Veeraiah, the then Assistant Engineer; and Sri M. Prasada Rao, the then Assistant Engineer of erstwhile Gajuwaka Municipality were not held proved in the inquiry.

6. In the reference 11th read above, while communicating a copy of Inquiry Report under Rule 21(2) of A.P.Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991, the above charged officers were directed to submit their written representations if any, on the findings of Inquiring Authority.

7. In the reference 12th read above, the charged officers have submitted their written representations on the findings of Inquiring Authority and requested to drop further action against them.

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8. Government after careful examination of the matter and keeping in view the findings of Inquiring Authority, it has been decided to drop further action against Sri V.V.S.E.Gupta, the then Assistant Engineer; Sri L.Santha Rao, the then Assistant Engineer; Sri S.Venkata Rao, the then Assistant Engineer; Sri K. Veeraiah, the then Assistant Engineer; and Sri M. Prasada Rao, the then Assistant Engineer of erstwhile Gajuwaka Municipality and exonerate them fully from the charges, as all charges framed against them were not held proved in the Inquiry. Accordingly, Government hereby drop further action against Sri V.V.S.E.Gupta, the then Assistant Engineer; Sri L.Santha Rao, the then Assistant Engineer; Sri S.Venkata Rao, the then Assistant Engineer; Sri K. Veeraiah, the then Assistant Engineer; and Sri M. Prasada Rao, the then Assistant Engineer of erstwhile Gajuwaka Municipality and exonerate them fully from the charges, as all charges framed against them were not held proved in the Inquiry.

9. The Engineer-in-Chief, Public Health, A.P., Guntur / the Commissioner, GVMC., Visakhapatnam shall take further necessary action in the matter, accordingly.

10. The receipt of G.O., shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

J. SYAMALA RAO
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri V.V.S.E.Gupta, the then Assistant Engineer, erstwhile Gajuwaka Municipality,Visakhapatanam
Sri L.Santha Rao, the then Assistant Engineer, erstwhile Gajuwaka Municipality,Visakhapatanam
Sri S.Venkata Rao, the then Assistant Engineer, erstwhile Gajuwaka Municipality, Visakhapatanam
Sri K. Veeraiah, the then Assistant Engineer, erstwhile Gajuwaka Municipality,
Visakhapatanam;
Sri M. Prasada Rao, the then Assistant Engineer, erstwhile Gajuwaka Municipality, Visakhapatanam;
(<u>through</u> the Engineer-in-Chief, Public Health, A.P., Guntur)
The Engineer-in-Chief, Public Health, A.P., Guntur.
The Commissioner, Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation, Visakhapatnam.
<u>Copy to:</u>
The Director General, G.A.(V&E) Department, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Secretary to A.P.Vigilance Commission, 5th Building, A.P. Secretariat.
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// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER